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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

REF: (A) STATE 124502; (B) STATE 126797; (C) STATE 133641; AND (D) STATE 133652

- 1. CONSULATE GENERAL WAS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE CLARIFICATIONS IN REFTELS B, C AND D. UNFORTUNATELY, REFTEL B WAS NOT SENT TO US AS ORIGINAL ADDRESSEE AND REPEAT WAS NOT YET RECEIVED WHEN WE REQUESTED NEW INSTRUCTIONS. THERE ARE STILL A FEW TAG ENDS TO BE CLEARED UP AND THEN WE WILL MOVE AHEAD IN OUR PROCESSING.
- 2. PARA. 3 PART (C) OF REF D PROVIDES THAT PERSONS WHO WERE EMPLOYED BY USG AT TIME OF GENERAL EVACUATION AND "ACCOMPANYING" RELATIVES CAN BE ACCEPTED UNDER PAROLE PROGRAM. CONGEN AND INS/HONG KONG ARE OF THE OPINION THAT "ACCOMPANYING" RELATIVES ARE LIMITED TO PARENTS, SPOUSES AND SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF FORMER USG EMPLOYEES IN VIEW OF LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN PARA. 5 OF REF D AND PARA. 3 PART (C) OF REF A. IF OTHER RELATIVES CAN ACCOMPANY PLEASE ADVISE. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 3. WITH REGARD TO PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE USG AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL EVACUATION, IS ELIGIBILITY EXTENDED TO "INDIRECT" EMPLOYEES OF USG (I.E., A GUARD EMPLOYED BY THE AMEMBASSY COMBINED RECREATION ASSOCIATION (CRA)?
- 4. CONGEN AND INS OFFICERS WILL CONTACT ELIGIBLE REFUGEES IN NEXT FEW DAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA. 8 AND 9 OF REF D AND DETERMINE UUWSPONSORS AND WHETHER ELIGIBLE REFUGEEO HAVE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO PAY FOR MEDICALEXAMINATIONS AND AIRFARE TO US. ONCE SPONSORS ARE IDENTIFIED, ELIGIBLE REFUGEES WILL BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED. IATF WILL BE FURNISHED WITH IDENTIFYING DATA ENABLING IATF TO CONFIRM INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS (PARA. 10 OF REF D).
- 5. AS VISAS FALCON PROCEDURES ARE INAPPLICABLE TO CASES ALREADY SCREENED BY INS OFFICERS AT HONG KONG (PARA. 3 OF REF C), POST WOULD ASSUME THAT 40-DAY-WAITING PERIOD, REQUIRED BY INS INTERNAL OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS ON FORM G-325A SECURITY CLEARANCES, MUST PASS BEFORE POST CAN FELIVER LETTER TO ELIGIBLE REFUGEE AND CARRIER (PARA. 8 OF REF A). IF WAITING PERIOD ON INS G-325A CLEARANCE SHORTENED, PLEASE ADVISE. CROSS

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